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Staff meeting.

I had a talk afterwards with Jack Bingham about TCA problems.

Dan Joseph came over to see me from Baltimore about a passport case. It concerned a man of the same name who is not, however, a relative of Dan's. I am afraid the applicant is something of a rascal.

Admiral Dupré brought Seymour J. Rubin to call on me. I had known the latter previously when he was working for the Department of State. He is able, and I think will perform well [redacted] in his new capacity as successor to Admiral Dupré in DMS to deal with problems of East-West trade.

I had a PSB briefing, then went for lunch with the other members of the Board in Bill Foster's office.

We discussed the future activities of the Committee for Free Asia, a proposal by General Smith to reorganize the work of the Board so as to make it more effective, and several other matters.

Mrs. Anderson, our Ambassador to Denmark, came in with Mr. Raynor and we went over various of our problems with the Danes.

I sent a letter tonight to Tom Finletter [redacted] about our attitude in the case of the American flyers who were forced down in Hungary, and for whom the United States Government paid a ransom. We are anxious to bring every effort to bear to effect a refund of the ransom money, and compensation for the confiscated plane. This [redacted] has been dragging on for almost a year and is quite complicated.

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We had a long meeting this morning about Iran.

At 12:30 Tom Mann and Paul Barringer came to see me about Mexican air routes. The Secretary is to discuss this tomorrow with the President.

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